

House Resolution 628

By: Representative Martin of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending community servant Johnny Herron; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Johnny Herrron was born in Atlanta at Crawford Long Hospital and grew up
3 on Rice Street; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he attended Okeef High School until 10th grade, graduated from Milton High
5 School in 1959, and served nobly in the United States Air Force for four years; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he worked with A & P Tea Company for 33 outstanding years; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he began serving his community through recreational softball programs as an
8 assistant softball coach at Wills Park in 1978, becoming head coach in 1980, first chairman
9 of the Alpharetta Softball Association in 1981, and chairman of the Alpharetta Softball
10 Association in 1985; and he was instrumental in forming Alpharetta's first Softball
11 Commission Committee; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was named the All Star Head Coach for Wills Park for the 7th District
13 GRPA Championship; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 1989, Johnny's coaching won first place at the Georgia State Championship,
15 third place at the Atlantic Regional ASA championship, and fourth place at the National
16 ASA Championship; and
- 17 WHEREAS, after Johnny's youngest daughter graduated from Milton High School in 1988,
18 he coached women's teams for five years and a coed team for one year; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Johnny became a member of the Recreation Commission in 1985 at the request
20 of Mayor Jimmy Phillips, serving two terms for a total of ten years; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1985, the Recreation Commission's only major program was a horseshoe
2 pitching game behind city hall, but during Johnny's tenure, the Alpharetta Recreation and
3 Parks Department budget grew from \$600,000 per year to \$5,600,000, the department's
4 staffing grew from a full-time staff of three to a current staff of 50, and the acreage managed
5 by the department grew from 60 acres to a total of over 650 acres including pocket parks,
6 community parks, regional parks, and greenways; and

7 WHEREAS, with the help of Johnny's leadership, the Alpharetta Recreation and Parks
8 Department was the second department in the state and one of only 20 departments in the
9 United States to become accredited by the National Recreation and Park Association, and the
10 department received the coveted GRPA Agency of the Year Award four times; and

11 WHEREAS, as he has commanded the esteem of his colleagues and neighbors, his actions
12 have honored the City of Alpharetta, the State of Georgia, and the United States.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 the members of this body recognize Johnny Herron, commend him for his outstanding
15 service to the Alpharetta Recreation and Parks Department, and extend to him the best of
16 wishes for his future health and fulfillment.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Johnny Herron.